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1. I HAD A LONG AND INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCK OCT 23 SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM UNGA. HE EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT HIS PARTICIPATION IN AIDSAT DEMONSTRATION AND INDICATED HE THOUGH IT HAD BEEN MAJOR PLUS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE PARTICULARLY PRAISED AF/C DIRECTOR BUCHANAN'S COMMENTS DURING THE PROGRAM WHICH HE SAID STRUCK JUST THE RIGHT NOTE.

2. AFTER I HAD TOUCHED ON TRANSKEI PROBLEM. FRANCK COMMENTED THAT OUR APPROACH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES WAS THE CORRECT ONE. MAJORITY RULE WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION. OUR EFFORTS TO AVOID A DESTRUCTIVE AND USELESS CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE SOUND. HE APPRECIATED FACT THAT WE WERE NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION, BUT OUR ROLE AS CATALYST HAD CREATED THE POSSIBILITY FOR A PCEACEFUL SOLUTION.

3. I THANKED FRANCK FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SOUTHERN
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AFRICA POLICY AND FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR OUR KOREAN POSITION.

FRANCK LAUNCHED INTO A LENGTHY CONDEMNATION OF NORTH KOREAN TACTICS AT COLOMBO AND SAID HE HAD MADE CLEAR HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA IN THE FORM OF WRITTEN RESERVATION TO NORTH KOREAN CONSENSUS RESOLUTION.

4. FRANCK WAS MOST INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF EX-IM BANK TEAM'S VISIT. I BRIEFED HIM ON RESULTS (REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND STRESSED TO HIM IMPORTANCE OF GOCAR'S MAKING EARLY PAYMENT OF AT LEAST SUBSTANTIAL OVERDUE INTEREST PAYMENTS. IF SUCH PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED THERE WAS A SERIOUS RISK OF THIS ISSUE GETTING IN THE WAY OF OUR PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AT THE VERY TIME WHEN WE WERE MOVING CLOSE TO COMPLETION OF OUHAM PROJECT PAPER AND WERE BEGINNING INTENSIVE WORK ON NEW PROJECTS.

5. I ALSO INFORMED HIM OF MY DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA ON SCED AND NATIONALIZATION ISSUES (BANGUI 1889 AND 1888). I INDICATED THAT JOLIS HAD BEEN SATISFIED WITH FIRST ROUND OF TALKS AND HOPED TO COME BACK AGAIN IN NOVEMBER. I ALSO URGED FRANCK TO FOLLOW UP ON PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S SUGGESTION OF SENDING GOCAR REPRESENTATIVE TO DOUALA TO DISCUSS CREATION OF NEW JOIN VENTURE PETROLEUM COMPANY. FRANCK SAID RETURN OF WESTERN OIL COMPANIES TO CAR WAS MOST IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL ISSUES BUT ALSO TO HELP WITH MANAGEMENT OF PETREOLEUM IMPORTING AND DISTRIBUTION, IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH CENTRA HYDRO HAD ENCOUNTERED SINCE NATIONALIZATION.

5. COMMENT: CONCERSATION WAS UNUSALLY AMICABLE AND FRANCK WAS AT HIS MOST AFFABLE. HE SEEMED PLEASED AT CURRENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS AND AT SPECIFIC EFFORTS GOING FORWARD TO IMPROVE THEM.
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